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Richard Gascoigne.

Who was Drawn, Hang'd and Quarter'd at TYBURN,
for high Treason against his Majesty King GEORGE,

MAY 25th, 1716.

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I Take it to be my Duty, to leave this Paper behind me,
to refute those false Accusations and Calumnies that
have been designedly spread by People, who I am afraid
took Pains to procure unhappy Wretches to confirm
them.

In the first Place I declare I dye an unworthy Member of
the Holy Catholick Apostolick Roman Church, and do ac-
knowledge my self to be the greatest of Sinners; but blessed
be my GOD, I have a firm Confidence in the Sufferings of
my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by whose Merits I hope I
shall be saved.

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I, from the Bottom of my Heart, forgive all those that were my Enemies and Persecuters, and hope Almighty GOD in his great Goodness (and I beseech him to do it as heartily as I beg Pardon for my own Sins) will Pardon them, and give them Grace to Repent.

And I earnestly beg Pardon of all those whom I have any ways offended or injured, and lament that it is not in my Power to make them Reparation; but as they expect to be forgiven, I hope they will do so to me. I also beg Pardon of all those whom I have disedified by my Life or Conversation.

That I have had an uncommon Ardour or Zeal in my Duty and Loyalty for my most Injur'd and Royal Sovereign King *James* the Third, I own at my Death, as I did to every one that knew me whilst I lived; and I affirm, that it was not only on the Account of his being a *Roman Catholick*, or any worldly Views; but from a true Sense of my Duty, as I took myself to be bound by the Laws of GOD and my Country, and as his succeeding to the Throne of his Ancestors could only make these Three Kingdoms happy, and from impartial Accounts of his Royal Person and Qualities; which make him one of the most meriting Princes in the World.

My Loyalty descended to me from my Ancestors, my Father and Grandfather having had the Honour to be Sacrificed in doing their Duty to their Kings, *Charles I.* and *James II.*

I think it incumbent on me to do Justice to a Gentleman ^{8th Nov} whose Name I was sorry to hear mentioned at my Trial, ^{Mindham} which surely was Irregular and Unprecedented, to give Evidence of any Treason that had no Relation to what I was indicted of. I declare, in the Presence of GOD, I never saw him but twice, and at those Times, I think, there was not a Word talk'd of Principle or Party: And I declare in the same solemn Manner, I never knew any of his Measures or Designs, or ever had any Intimacy, of any Kind, with him: And

And declare, That what was sworn at the Council, and at my Trial, was false in Relation to him.

L. Landfoun And I know a great Man should have said, I was intimate with a Lord in the Tower. I declare I never spoke to him, nor saw his Hand-writing; nor, to my Knowledge, was I ever under the same Roof with him.

Nor was I ever Agent, or employ'd by any Person in my Life (as was suggested at my Trial) in any politick Design, nor did I ever carry a Letter, or was intrusted by one great Man to another; nor did I ever know of any concerted Measure to restore my Royal Master in my Life, more than what was talk'd in Publick, and in the Papers: Nor, as I expect Mercy, did I Directly or Indirectly know any Thing of the Arms that were seized at *Bath* directed to R. G. as was said at my Trial.

As to Mr. *Calderwood's* Evidence against me, of my being in the Market-place a *Saturday* in the Afternoon, and that he saw me there: To my Knowledge I had not been there untill seven a Clock at Night, when he could not see me; and if he did, not with my Sword drawn, his Evidence was intirely false: And he sent me Word two Days before my Trial, That he could not swear any Thing against me whatever. And he said I was in the Council of War: I never (so far from being in it) knew the House it was held in, nor did I know there was one held.

The Evidence of the Footman *Walmsly* was as false, he swearing me drinking of Brandy with Excise-men six Times a *Saturday*, in the same Market-place.

These are the two Men that swore me out of my Life; I forgive them with all my Heart, and recommend to them to repent.

And as I have upon the Word of a dying Man declar'd all these Truths, in order to caution People not to believe Reports, and to do all the Justice I am capable of doing; so now let me recommend to all People, to think of their Duties to GOD and their Country, and to heal all Divisions; and exhort

hort them to think of the Means of Uniting And Reconciling
all their Interests, and Unite in the only Measure that can
render them happy; which that they may do, I beg of Al-
mighty GOD to direct them, and that they may compass it.

I bless my GOD, who has given me the Grace to submit
patiently to all the Injuries that have been done me, as also
for enabling me to resist the many Temptations I have had
frequently in Relation to a Gentleman, upon whose Account
I presume they have taken my Life; because I would not con-
cur to take away his Life: But God forgive them; I do
heartily, and I humbly beg the Prayers of all good Christians,

Rich. Gascoigne.

The 25th of May 1716.

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